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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

GRANGERS DINE WITH CITIZENS

Banquet Spread at Dreamland Rink Partaken of by More Than 600 People, Being Great Social Success

More than 600 people were served at the dinner to the visiting grangers in the Dreamland rink building Tuesday evening, and none came who left without a satisfied appetite. The long tables were first spread for 475 people, and after these had banqueted to their stomachs content the tables were again nearly filled. Of eatables there was plenty and to spare. The ladies from the country and the ladies from the city had met the command for "well-filled baskets" in all that the term implies. The Moose band was there to add its melody to the occasion, and played many pleasing selections. The invocation was pronounced by the chaplain of the state grange, Cyrus Walker, who bears the distinction of being the oldest white male born west of the Rockies and north of the California line still living.

Acting in the capacity of toastmaster, Wilford Allen, president of the Commercial club, introduced the speakers who had places upon a brief program following the serving of the dinner. For the city of Grants Pass, Mayor Truax welcomed the guests to the metropolis of the Rogue. Speaking for the Commercial club, Superintendent Hull, vice president of the club, added his word of welcome, as did also Mrs. Mollie Belding, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, for that organization.

The welcome of the Josephine Pomona grange was extended by Hon. A. H. Carson, and well did he expound the good things found in southern Oregon and to which the honored guests were bade partake. The response to the good cheer so freely proffered was made by State Master Spence, who is always ready with an address filled with wit and wisdom.

Hon. Jas. Stewart, of Wheeler county, a member of the state legislature, told of the relation of the grange to numerous issues that have been before the public, and especially of the grange leadership for both woman suffrage and prohibition.

The closing address was by Mrs. Anna R. Stevenson, of Portland, who told in a most interesting manner of the "third house of the state grange," Mrs. Stevenson not being a delegate but a visiting granger. She also spoke for the visitors other than official delegates to the grange meeting.

WOOLEN MILLS ARE SOLD TO BISHOPS

Pendleton, May 10.—Announcement was made this morning of the successful conclusion of a deal whereby the Marysville Woollen Mills of Marysville, California, becomes the property of C. P. Bishop, of Salem, and C. M. and R. T. Bishop of this city, who are the principal stockholders and managers of the Pendleton Washougal mills.

Negotiations have been under way for some time, but were held up by legal proceedings affecting the title. The Marysville mills are among the oldest on the coast and up to the time they closed down, seven years ago, were the largest and the best known.

NO AMERICANS LOST LIVES WHEN CYMRIC WAS SUNK

Washington, May 10.—There is a strong indication here that the United States will take no action in the case of the British liner Cymric, destroyed by a submarine. Secretary Lansing's policy heretofore in cases where Americans were not jeopardized has been not to protest.

It was stated on the highest authority that there had been no change in the situation yet. On the other hand, it was explained that the administration would, as in the past, continue to consider unwarned submarine attacks illegal, according to this government's interpretation of international law. Such attacks will be considered cumulative evidence of the German attitude toward submarine.

Washington, May 10.—A message from Consul Frost at Queenstown, received today by the state department, declared that there were no Americans aboard the British liner Cymric, destroyed by a submarine torpedo. Five British lives were lost. The projectile, according to Frost's information, was fired without warning.

Officers of the steamer told Frost that it was not armed. The crew took to the sea in open boats and remained in them from 1:30 until 9 p. m. Monday. The Cymric sank at 3 a. m.

RE-OPEN HEARINGS IN BRANDEIS CASE

Washington, May 10.—The senate judiciary committee today ordered the sub-committee to re-open hearings Friday on the qualifications of Louis D. Brandeis to serve as associate justice of the United States supreme court.

The whole committee met today in an effort to obtain definite action. It was expected that the sub-committee would complete its investigation of the merger of the United Drug Stores.

George Anderson and Louis Liggett, of Boston, were summoned to testify concerning the merger.

SENATOR CUMMINS HERE TOMORROW

The local committee and supporters of Senator Cummins are making great preparations for the reception of the distinguished Iowa upon his arrival in Grants Pass tomorrow morning. The senator and his party will arrive from the south at 9:30 o'clock, upon train No. 14. It is not yet known who is accompanying Mr. Cummins upon his trip to Grants Pass, but it is believed that there are several people with him. He will be met here by State Treasurer Thos. Kay, who is in charge of the Cummins campaign in Oregon. After the arrival of the party a public reception will be held at the Josephine hotel, to which all citizens are invited to come and meet the aspirant for presidential honors. At 11 o'clock Senator Cummins will speak from the stand in Railroad park at the corner of Sixth and Front streets. The committee selected Attorney O. S. Blanchard as presiding officer at the speaker's stand, and he will introduce the distinguished visitor to his audience.

After lunch, Senator Cummins and his party will be taken by automobile to Ashland and Medford, where the senator is billed to speak later. From Jackson county he will continue northward through Oregon.

TORPEDOING OF SUSSEX ADMITTED

German Government Makes Good on First Part of the Agreement in Controversy and Disavows Attack

Washington, May 10.—Germany's admission that a Teuton submarine attacked the British steamer Sussex was received at the state department today. The note said that the submarine commander had already been punished, but did not state what penalty had been inflicted.

In the note said: "The further investigation made by German naval authorities on the basis of American material has been concluded. The assumption expressed in the note of the tenth ultimo that damage to the Sussex was traceable to causes other than attack by a German submarine can not be maintained."

"On the basis of this material, Germany can not withhold its conviction that the ship torpedoed by a German submarine is in fact identical with the Sussex," the communication said. "There can no longer be any question of the possibility of two independent similar occurrences. Additional reason for this belief is constituted by the fact that officers of the American navy found fragments of an explosive in the Sussex hold described by them on firm grounds as parts of a German torpedo."

"Counter-evidence deducted in the previous note from the difference in the appearance of the vessel which

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ESCAPED CONVICT KEEPS ON GOING

Eureka, Cal., May 10.—State Prison Guard Bowman had his second encounter with one of the three escaped convicts at large in Humboldt county, it was learned today, when one of the outlaws appeared approaching the bridge opposite the town of Dyerville last night. Bowman, concealed on the bridge, remained hidden until the fugitive was near, then yelled, "Halt, hands up!"

The convict turned and fled, Bowman emptying his revolver after him. The outlaw dodged into the brush and made his "getaway." At daylight the officers took up his trail, and followed it past several houses. He had passed within 10 feet of one dwelling. The tracks led to a hillside, where a recently occupied bed of brush was found. After that the trail was lost.

The other two convicts have not been seen since they engaged the posse in pitched battle Sunday night. Guards telephoned to San Quentin prison this morning for reinforcements. It is still believed that the men can not escape from the cordon and that they will be starved out.

MOONSHINE WHISKEY MADE IN WASHINGTON

Davenport, Wash., May 10.—Willis Tubbs, a farmer, was held today under a federal charge of running an illicit whiskey still. He was arrested by internal revenue agents immediately after being fined \$200 by the state authorities. Sheriff Level, from a hill a mile away, watched Tubbs' operations through a spyglass. While Tubbs and two assistants were working, the sheriff and two deputies swooped down on them. Seventy gallons of moonshine whiskey were seized.

DEADLOCK ON ARMY BILL HOLDS

Senate Conferees Refuse to Budge From Position, and Stand Pat on Demand for Army of 250,000 Regulars

Washington, May 10.—The senate and house conferees on the army bill broke up this afternoon after having been in session all day in an effort to break the deadlock occasioned by the refusal of both houses to recede from their positions in connection with the army measure.

The senate has absolutely refused to cut down its demand that the army should contain 250,000 regulars and it is understood that the senate conferees are also standing pat on the federal volunteer plan.

BRUSH BETWEEN SCOUTS OF BELLIGERENT FLEETS

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, May 10.—Two German torpedo boats reconnoitering Monday off Ostend engaged five British destroyers it was officially announced today. One of the enemy vessels was severely damaged. The Germans returned unharmed.

SNOW STORM HITS WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Eugene, May 10.—The hills surrounding Eugene were blanketed with a thin film of snow today for the first time on record in the month of May. Some damage is reported to crops in the upper Willamette valley.

800,000 FRENCH DEFEND VERDUN

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, May 10.—While it is generally considered that attacks on fortified positions must be made with forces four times superior to those of the defenders, the Germans assaulting Verdun are really less than half as numerous as the French army, which has at that point not less than 800,000 men," said a semi-official war office statement today. "This is half of the entire force which France still has at its disposal for active fighting. The second German attack on Verdun is based on the crushing effect of heavy German artillery. The French are unable to compete with Germany in artillery and ammunition. The enormous French losses are due partly to the effect of the artillery and partly to the tenacity of the French, who refuse to abandon their trenches."

Major Morant, in reviewing the situation, pointed out that Teuton successes had been against armies numerically superior. The Austrians, he said, held an Italian force of twice their strength helpless in the trenches.

EXECUTION OF IRISH REBEL LEADERS CEASES

LONDON, May 10.—Premier Asquith announced today that no rebel leaders had been executed in Dublin since Monday. He said he hoped it would not be necessary to execute more.

NORTH DAKOTA TOWN HAS \$400,000 BLAZE

Ellendale, N. D., May 10.—A \$400,000 fire practically destroyed this city today. Several business buildings and 60 dwellings were burned.

STATE GRANGE DELEGATES TO SEE ROGUE VALLEY

The sessions of the state grange today have been given largely to routine business, reports, resolutions, etc., but this afternoon the election of officers will occur before the closing hour. There has not been a great deal of political maneuvering for the offices noticeable to the layman, but the naming of the place for the next convention is expected to produce something of a contest. Astoria is making a lively bid for the honor of entertaining the grange in 1917, and its supporters seem to think they have more than an even break to bring their entry in a winner.

The Thursday program will be broken at 11 o'clock in the morning, at which time United States Senator Albert C. Cummins will speak in this city, his initial speech upon his campaign in the west. In the afternoon at four o'clock the visiting grangers will be the guests of the city upon an auto ride around the valley, taking in the sugar factory, the city, the orchard districts, the fields of beets, hop yards, etc. The start will be made from the Kerley block, where the grange sessions are being held.

PLAY SAFE IN DEAL WITH CARRANZA

Washington, May 10.—The administration will take no chances on Carranza. This is the inner significance of the move in rushing militia and additional infantry to the border. Supplementary orders last night dispatched eleven coast artillery companies and five field artillery batteries to San Antonio, Texas.

While officials assume that Carranza is acting in good faith, they admit that his attitude is surprising, in view of his making a demand for a time limit on the presence of American soldiers in Mexico after President Wilson had informally approved the agreement which Generals Scott and Obregon reached several days ago. Officials say that the situation has been made more grave by Carranza's tactics. The administration supposed the agreement to be practically in effect, but Carranza has not yet approved it, so far as has been officially reported.

Reinforcing of the border troops is expected to prevent further raids, persuade General Obregon to abandon his time limit demands, and put a stop to plotting on the American side of the line. Officials discounted the possibility of this move inflaming the Mexicans. The administration believes that this reinforcement will tend to prevent intervention. It is evident also that the administration has reached a point where it is not inclined to temporize much further, but it is still optimistic regarding the future. It does not regard the Scott-Obregon conference situation as hopeless.

T. R. COMMENTS ON THE WILSON NOTE

New York, May 10.—"I have no interest in ultimatums that fail to ultimate," said Colonel Roosevelt today in commenting on President Wilson's rejoinder to the German submarine concessions. "The Wilson note," he added, "was up to his usual standard."

Late this afternoon Roosevelt planned to meet the progressive executive committee, which is meeting to select a convention keynote speaker. Progressive leaders are a unit for Roosevelt as a nominee.

SCOTT WILL AGAIN MEET OBREGON

Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army Expects to Hold Final Conference With Carranza's Agent This Afternoon

El Paso, May 10.—General Hugh Scott today sent to Washington the suggestion of General Alvaro Obregon that American and Mexican troops co-operate in patrolling the border, the soldiers of each nation being confined to their own side of the line. Scott said that Washington's reply would not be necessary before today's conference with Obregon, at which he proposes to conclude negotiations. Both Scott and General Funston are most optimistic and expect a peaceful ending to the conferences.

General Funston, in denying that he had requested 150,000 additional troops, said this afternoon that he had received all the men he asked for. He expects to concentrate upon the militia, starting today. Most of the Texans will be used at state points where there are no regular army border patrols.

There have been numerous requests from cattlemen and miners along the border for additional troops.

General Scott is hopeful that he will be able to leave for San Antonio tonight. McQuatters, representing mining interests, was absent from last night's meeting, at General Obregon's veiled suggestion.

Four infantry companies, with machine guns, besides the usual provost guard, were on duty in El Paso during the night.

MEDFORD ELKS HERE IN FORCE

Medford moved to Grants Pass last night, or at least a large portion of the live part of Medford arrived here in the Elk special of four coaches over the Southern Pacific at 8 o'clock and were met at the station by the Grants Pass Elks, the band and private citizens, afoot and in automobiles. After a hasty exchange of greetings a procession was formed, the line of march covering the business portion of Sixth street, and a halt made at the opera house, where the band gave an open air concert. The 200 and more Medford Elks and local members of the order filed into the opera house and were given two hours of fun, the minstrel troupe, recruited from the ranks of the Medford Elks, with singing and dancing, monologues and new jokes—many of them having a local application—opening the program, followed by an exhibition in telepathy which was a marvel to those who witnessed it.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the company filed into the Josephine hotel, where a lunch had been prepared, and in a few minutes the viands had disappeared.

The special train left for the south at midnight, bearing a jolly, happy crowd of live ones, the biggest crowd of Medford people ever visiting Grants Pass on any occasion.

GERMANS KILLED IN WAR ESTIMATED AT 700,000

London, May 10.—More than 700,000 Germans have been killed to date and 1,783,310 wounded, the press bureau declared today in an announcement based on German lists. The total number of German prisoners and missing is 334,892. These figures do not include naval and colonial losses.